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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT

India and Bangladesh

- 1. The attached memorandum on the international implications of the Indian emergency and the recent coup in Bangladesh may be of interest to you in connection with Indian Foreign Minister Chavan's visit to Washington on October 6 and 7.
- 2. I particularly draw your attention to the discussion herein on the likelihood of Indian military intervention in Bangladesh. Although logic at least western logic would indicate that the odds are against Prime Minister Gandhi's ordering such action, there is clearly a great enough possibility of Indian intervention to be taken seriously. As the memorandum itself concludes, Indian intervention in Bangladesh would sharply raise tensions between India and Pakistan, and the latter situation in turn could lead to an international crisis of considerable proportions.

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Attachment

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October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honor

The Honorable William E. Simon The Secretary of the Treasury

SUBJECT

: India and Bangladesh

- 1. The attached memorandum on the international implications of the Indian emergency and the recent coup in Bangladesh may be of interest to you in connection with Indian Foreign Minister Chevan's visit to Washington on October 6 and 7. It has been prepared jointly by the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State. A representative of the Department of the Treasury also participated actively in the discussions on the memorandum.
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